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Re: Q1 FY25 Priority TSIs in ANC 6B

Dear Director Kershbaum:

*At a properly noticed general meeting on November 12, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 7-0-0, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to submit the following request to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).*

Last month, DDOT announced the Traffic Safety Input (TSI) requests that it had accepted for investigation in the FY25 Q1 period. Eight of those TSIs are in ANC 6B, representing four distinct areas. In this letter, ANC 6B submits its formal recommendations on those TSIs.

**1500 Block of K St. SE, #24-00129567, #24-00129851, & #24-00129554**

Neighbors submitted these TSI requests following ongoing conversations with Commissioners Ryder and LaFortune last spring. This block is one-way west-bound in a residential neighborhood except for a McDonalds on the east end of the block. Drivers often go the wrong way to access this McDonalds or as a short cut to get to Pennsylvania Ave. and DC-295 beyond.

At a minimum, we urge DDOT to take similar steps to limit wrong-way traffic that have been used elsewhere in the area, including flexiposts to limit the street's width at the intersection with 15<sup>th</sup> St. SE. Current signage has been insufficient to discourage drivers going against traffic and endangering residents on the block.

We also urge DDOT to go further and study the redesign of access points to the McDonalds lot, eliminating the current entrance on K St. to move all vehicle traffic to and from the restaurant onto Pennsylvania Ave. SE.

**11<sup>th</sup> & K St/Southeast Boulevard SE, #24-00428252 & 24-00283964**

11<sup>th</sup> St. SE has been a focus point for ANC 6B over the past several years. While we appreciate DDOT's improvements at the intersections with D St. and G St. SE, we believe that the entire corridor from Lincoln Park to the Anacostia River needs an overhaul. One area that is particularly dangerous for pedestrians is 11<sup>th</sup> St. SE at the I-695 overpass that Hill East residents must use for access to Navy Yard and parks by the river.

DDOT included plans for pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements in its initial plans for the southwest offramp redesign. While we note neighbor opposition to the addition of one more lane to the ramp as part of this project due to its potential for increasing thru-traffic, the safety measures would be a step in the right direction.

While awaiting further updates to the ramp project, we urge DDOT to move forward with a pedestrian island, flexiposts, and other measures to improve safety at the intersections bordering I-695. In addition, we urge DDOT to move forward with its environmental assessment of improvements to Southeast Boulevard & Barney Circle, a project that has been paused since 2017 and would drastically improve connection points between Hill East and the Anacostia River.

**1200 and 1300 Blocks of Potomac Ave. SE, #24-00380536 & #24-00001717**

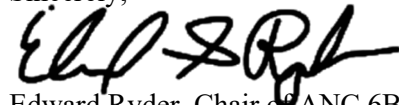
ANC 6B wrote to DDOT in March regarding nearby safety improvements surrounding Friendship Chamberlain PCS. These additional TSIs, submitted by a neighbor following discussion with Councilmember Allen and Commissioner LaFortune, are necessary to reduce vehicle speed as drivers exit I-695 on 11<sup>th</sup> St. and cut through the neighborhood to Pennsylvania Ave. SE and beyond. We support the installation of flexiposts and pavement markings to improve traffic and pedestrian safety as well as the possible installation of an additional speed hump on the 1300 block to slow vehicle speeds near the school. DDOT has previously considered, and rejected, the installation of a mid-block crosswalk on the 1300 block at the entrance of the school. However, we urge you to reconsider this as students and parents frequently cross at this location regardless of the pavement markings.

**14<sup>th</sup> and A St. SE, #23-00454555**

This intersection currently only features a stop sign on A St., which is two-way with traffic northbound on 14<sup>th</sup> St. not needing to stop. This is confusing for pedestrians and unsafe. We urge DDOT to add a stop sign and consider other measures for safety improvement.

Thank you in advance for considering and granting great weight to our recommendations. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B